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NICKS GOES HER OWN WAY

Stevie Nicks proved she and Fleetwood Mac — which included Lindsey Buckingham, Mick Fleetwood and John McVie — still have the power to wow fans on Tuesday night at the ACC. Best known for her mystical image, wild heart and signature vocals, Nicks and the band soared through a greatest-hits package that had the sold-out crowd writhing in their seats. TOM PANDI/FOR METRO

City poised for another transit war

Report backs taxes for transit. Mayor Ford rejects proposed levies, but it's not his call

Quoted

"This is a decision that Metrolinx will make in conjunction with the province, and really what they're asking for is our advice."

TTC chair Karen Stintz

City hall is gearing up for another transit battle, this time over whether to endorse four possible taxes to fund regional transportation expansion.

Mayor Rob Ford on Tuesday dismissed a city staff report that calls on council to support a regional sales tax, gas tax, commercial parking levy and increased development charges to help fund Metrolinx's Big Move plan, which includes a downtown relief subway.

"I'm not supporting any of those revenue tools. People can't afford these taxes — that's all it is, tax, tax, tax," Ford told reporters. "The city's expensive enough to live in. We don't need extra taxes."

The report follows a series of public consultations meant to inform Metrolinx's final recommendations to the province next month about how the region will find $2 billion annually for transit expansion.

It says the province should look only at highway tolls, tolls on HOV lanes and a vehicle registration tax — something Ford cut — once its first wave of transit projects is complete. That first round includes LRTs on Eglinton, Sheppard, Finch and the Scarborough RT — their $8.4-billion cost is being funded by the province and is due to be completed by 2021.

Whether Toronto gets on board with transit taxes will depend on whether a majority of city councillors support the recommendations.

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WestJet, Air Canada

If Porter gets jets, others want in too

Give the runway an extra 336 metres for jets to land and the Billy Bishop Airport could see airlines clamouring for takeoff and landing slots — dramatically increasing plane traffic on the waterfront. Both WestJet and Air Canada say access to the airport needs to expand beyond Porter Airlines. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

G20 damage

Wanted U.S. man turns himself in

An activist and the No. 2 American wanted for allegedly causing $400,000 worth of destruction and assaulting an officer during the G20 summit has surrendered to Toronto police.

Joel Saleem Bitar, 27, of New York City, voluntarily returned to Canada on Tuesday and was arrested by police. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Model search

Guess who could be famous?

Guess, known for iconic ads that launched the careers of supermodels Claudia Schiffer, Anna Nicole Smith and Kate Upton, will partner with Ford Models and Elle for its first-ever North American model search to find the next Guess Girl.

Anna Nicole Smith
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

On April 27th, women 16 and up are invited to the Guess at Yorkdale. METRO

Musicians, instructors in harmony over TDSB's proposed cuts

Strings instructor David Spek is spearheading efforts to stop the proposed layoff of all 24 roving music instructors by the TDSB. A petition he posted online Sunday already had close to 2,400 signatures by Tuesday, including support from Anne Murray, k.d. lang and drummer Matt Sorum of Guns N' Roses, who retweeted his plea to stop the cuts.
RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Casino passes, but not a sure bet

Polarizing issue.
Motion passes 9-4 — but with 'No' votes adding up, is it doomed anyhow?

Quoted

"A lot of (councillors) are actually getting more and more calls ... saying they don't want to see a Toronto casino.... I'm not surprised some of the mayor's closest allies are starting to leave him on this one."
Coun. Mike Layton

Mayor Rob Ford's executive committee has officially opened the door to a massive casino resort near the downtown waterfront — if almost 50 conditions are met.

But the emergence of new council opponents to the controversial, polarizing proposal — including members of Ford's executive — makes it very likely full council will slam that door firmly shut when it meets May 7-8.

Executive members voted 9-4 Tuesday to tell Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. it is interested in the casino opportunity, subject to 43 conditions recommended in a city manager's report plus a handful of others they tacked on.

The vote came after Ford, furiously lobbying councillors to back his casino push, rejected research cited by Toronto's medical officer of health stating casinos increase the number of problem gamblers around it.

"I just don't buy these arguments — as a matter of fact they just don't exist," Ford said. "They might as well ban food for fat guys like me, close down every McDonald's drive-through. You have to have some control."

Unmoved by such arguments were councillors Jaye Robinson, Paul Ainslie, Denzil Minnan-Wong and Peter Milczyn.

"In my constituents' view, there are better ways to go about city building," said Robinson (Ward 25, Don Valley West), a former city marketing manager who worries about a casino's effect on the city's "brand."

Robinson said she intends to vote in favour of Woodbine racetrack expanding its 2,500-plus slot machines to casino table games — a proposal that has much greater council support than a downtown site.

Ford later said he is "absolutely" optimistic council is heeding his rallying cry for a gambling-anchored resort at Exhibition Place or Front St. W. to generate thousands of "good paying" jobs and boost Toronto's convention space.

"I'm confident people are going to see the light at the end of the day at council," Ford said.

A Toronto Star survey has found 25 councillors now say they intend to vote against a downtown casino — two more than the council majority required to kill the proposal. Added to the list Tuesday were Ainslie, Robinson and Ana Bailao. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Population. Build transit or forget about growth, Halton tells province

Smart growth may be the new religion among Toronto region planners.

But Halton chair Gary Carr says he's not going to church if the province doesn't step up and fund transit, roads, public health and other infrastructure to serve his region's growing population.

Halton officials will just say "no" to provincially mandated growth targets if Queen's Park doesn't deliver the services — including all-day, two-way GO trains.

The region of about 500,000 residents is supposed to take on an additional 250,000 in the next 20 years.

"There's wording in our approved plan that says we will proceed only if we get complete communities. That means the funding from the province, not only for things like Metrolinx, but for schools and provincial highways. There's a clause that says if we don't get that we don't need to proceed. That's all been approved by the province," said Carr, who said he's prepared to fight the province in court if necessary.

Milton councillor Colin Best said if the province moves ahead with taxes to pay for transit it means Halton residents will be "sending the equivalent of $150 million per year for 15-plus years before the region sees any transit upgrades from Metrolinx." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Warning

On Wednesday Halton's regional council is expected to endorse a resolution already adopted by its Planning and Public Works Committee. It would send a warning to Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Linda Jeffery that there won't be any more residential development beyond the current round if Metrolinx doesn't improve transit to the region.

Cabs drop illegal extra fees for wheelchair users

Settlement. Companies agree to crack down on drivers charging $25 or more even for short trips

Human rights advocates are lauding a decision by some of the city's biggest cab companies to crack down on drivers who illegally charge wheelchair passengers more than the metered rate.

"This is a really significant settlement because it involves four major taxi companies — a significant portion of the taxi industry in Toronto," said human rights lawyer Clara Matheson. "It's a settlement about inclusion and accountability. And about a really fundamental service, which is transportation."

The settlement came four years after Toronto resident Alessia Di Virgilio complained to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario that drivers of wheelchair-accessible cabs (the vehicles with ramps) routinely charged a $25 to $35 flat rate for a fare that could be as short as "around the block." Fares were often two and three times the normal amount, she said, a widespread practice in the industry.

Cab drivers are allowed to charge only the metered fare under Toronto's municipal code. The extreme financial burden limited Di Virgilio's ability to access on-demand service. Wheel-Trans, which is available for a single TTC fare, must be booked in advance. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Prohibited fares

The companies — Royal, Beck, Co-Op and Scarborough Taxi — have also agreed to ask the city that tariff and bill of rights notices in taxis reflect the prohibited fares and that the information be included in training for drivers.

Alessia Di Virgilio brought a human rights complaint that was successful in making the cab companies change their rules surrounding rates for wheelchair passengers. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Social media victim

Toronto man faces child-luring charges

Andrew Holbrook, alleged to have posted an online ad seeking girls to pose for a lingerie photo shoot, is facing four charges in connection with a child-luring investigation by Toronto police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Consumer protection

Grits to crack down on debt settlement

Proposed legislation is expected this week that would impose new rules for debt settlement services.

"Ontario consumers need to have confidence that they're getting what they pay for when purchasing debt settlement services. We're going to introduce legislation that would protect some of our most vulnerable consumers," Minister of Consumer Services Tracy MacCharles said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MacCharles GETTY IMAGES

Luminato wants you to play along

Get experienced.
Organizer encourages festival-goers to 'jump right in and join the fun'

Luminato organizer and artistic director Jorn Weisbroudt unveiled details of the lineup for this year's festival on Tuesday. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jorn Weisbrodt has seen the future of Luminato and you're in it.

Eat with authors, join the symphony or operate a human claw machine in the annual festival that this year puts a focus on audience interaction. The artistic director's first full season of his own programming, announced Tuesday, has audience members participating in a wild assortment of events from June 14 to 23 at venues throughout the city.

They will be asked to bring picnic blankets and hampers to Trinity Bellwoods Park where 60 authors, on three stages, will read from their works. This will be followed by 1-on-1 sessions with authors in what Weisbrodt calls a literary "rock festival setting" on June 22.

Want to play with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra? No problem — just pick up your kazoo, tuba or bagpipes and go online to learn the tunes to be played at the Music Mobin David Pecaut Square outside Metro Hall.

The celebration of the 200th birthdays of Richard Wagner and Giuseppe Verdi, featuring Ride of the Valkyries from Die Walkure and the Triumphal March from Aida, is open to everyone, says TSO music director Peter Oundjian, even if all you have is a kazoo. "It doesn't matter," he assures.

Weisbrodt calls the arts festival "the way to engage in the city in a different way — the way to change the city."

And please feel free to jump right in and join the fun, he says. "Great art need not be understood but experienced." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

What else is happening?

- Mark Morris Dance Group will be having its Canadian premiere of L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts from June 21 to 23. Atom Egoyan will direct the Canadian premiere of Feng Yi ting, co-starring Shen Tiemei and Jiang Qihu, at the MacMillan Theatre from June 20 to 23.
- Canadian singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell will be the subject of a "birthday happening" at Massey Hall on June 18-19 featuring Chaka Khan, Rufus Wainwright and other guests. That show is called Joni: A Portrait in Song.
- Other musical guests to perform at "the Hub" in David Pecaut Square include Maxi Priest, Serena Ryder, Rosanne Cash, Danny Michel, k-os and Amadou et Mariam.

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Buckyballs

Magnet toy faces ban for risk to kids

Health Canada is planning to follow the lead of the United States and ban the sale of small, powerful magnets which can cause serious internal problems if swallowed by children.

Last summer, the American Consumer Product Safety Commission banned the sale of Buckyballs, powerful little "rare earth" magnets sold as toys and desktop accessories.

The magnets pose serious risks, the department said, because if swallowed they can pinch together and create an internal blockage or perforate intestinal walls.

"The results can be very serious and even fatal," Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said. "There have been many cases of children requiring emergency surgical treatment." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Patent expiration

Generic versions of OxyContin must thwart abuse: FDA

Federal health regulators will require generic versions of the bestselling painkiller OxyContin to include recent formulation changes designed to make the pill harder to abuse.

The Food and Drug Administration said it would not approve any generic versions of OxyContin based on the original formulation because it "poses an increased potential for certain types of abuse."

The FDA decision is a key victory for Purdue Pharma LP, which has spent years developing a tamper-resistant version of the blockbuster pain pill. The company's patent on original OxyContin expires Tuesday and would normally open the door to a slew of cheaper generic versions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tylenol stops dread in its tracks, study shows

Unexpected finding. Common painkiller eases mental anguish too, according to a UBC researcher

Tylenol fixes your headache, but it may also reduce the pain of existential angst, according to a study from the University of British Columbia.

The research, led by PhD student Daniel Randles, is published in the journal Psychological Science. It found people who took the pill seemed less upset after discussing death.

"Nobody has shown this before, and we are surprised that the effect emerged so robustly, that a drug meant primarily to alleviate headaches also prevents people from being bothered all that much by thinking about death. It was certainly surprising," Randles said in an interview.

Previous research has found a link between physical pain and social anxiety.

The study divided participants into two groups. The first group involved 121 participants, some of whom were given Tylenol and some a placebo. Among the tasks they were asked to perform was to talk about death or to what happens to their bodies after death.

They were then asked to hypothetically determine the amount of bail to set for a prostitute. Those who had taken Tylenol were less harsh in their judgment than those who performed the same tasks in the placebo group, suggesting they had less anxiety.

Among the tasks set for a second study group of 207 participants was to watch a "surreal (and) confusing" four-minute film by director David Lynch and then to determine punishment for a participant in the Vancouver Stanley Cup riots of 2011. Again, Tylenol users choose less harsh punishments.

Randles noted that his study is "behavioural" and that further research to look at neurological effects is needed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It's all in your head

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No getting off the ground

Stranded passenger Alexis Bennett waits in the ticketing area in Terminal A for her flight to Chicago during the flight delays at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Tuesday in Dallas. American Airlines grounded flights across the country Tuesday because of an outage of its main reservations system. Thousands of passengers were stranded at airports and on airplanes. LOUIS DELUCA/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

May it please the court ... what on Earth do these words mean?

Street slang on the witness stand. Defence lawyers and police forced to resort to Urban Dictionary as they attempt to explain words that mystify in Ottawa's teen pimping case

GRAHAM LANKTREE
Metro in Ottawa

Shawty, M.O.B., ballin' and racked up.

These were some of the street slang words defence lawyers sought to clarify in an Ottawa court Tuesday — with the aid of Urban Dictionary.

The court was hearing the case of three teenage girls accused of pimping out even younger kids through social media.

"There's nothing scientific about how words become defined on Urban Dictionary," said lawyer Trevor Brown, who is on the defence team for the three girls who were 15, 15 and 16 when they allegedly pimped out four girls and beat, stripped and photographed two others last year.

The teens cannot be named because of their age.

Brown said a definition for one word had been penned by user SirMonkeybutt10 and that generally users submit words and definitions to the dictionary that are then voted on.

"You can click on a word and see how many definitions there are," he said, attempting to show that tweets the girls allegedly sent out to organize meetings with johns or trumpet their exploits could have dual meanings.

Quoted

"The money comes first at all costs."

Det. Carolyn Botting, attempting to explain the term M.O.B.

And the term M.O.B.?

"The only way that I have ever seen it explained by youth is 'money over bitches,'" Det. Carolyn Botting said. "It's only ever meant in prostitution investigations that the money is more important and the women can be discarded."

The two teen girls who are in custody sat listlessly, one leaning her head against her hands, as the testimony turned to how much data police were able to pull from an iPod Touch that belonged to one of them.

Amina Tyler was the talk of Tunisia after posting Facebook photos with the words "My body belongs to me" scrawled across her naked chest. She is now trying to leave the country. But she received support from FEMEN activists, seen here protesting at the Tunisian consulate in Milan on April 4. ANTONIO CALANNI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Topless protest sparked 'horrible' virginity test

The woman who scandalized Tunisia by posting topless photos of herself as a form of feminist protest says she was drugged and given virginity tests by relatives.

"Two old women of my family checked to see if I was virgin or not. That was horrible and against my freedom," Amina Tyler says in a video.

"They took me to the kitchen and said take off my clothes and we will see if you are virgin."

Tyler added that her family is now searching for her.

She is now trying to leave the country, her former lawyer said Tuesday.

Quoted

"I will do a topless protest and then I will leave Tunisia."

Amina Tyler

Tyler, 19, shocked the Muslim nation when she posted Facebook photos with the words "My body belongs to me" scrawled across her naked chest.

She was later spirited away by her family after religious hardliners issued death threats against her.

In a video interview posted Monday on the Facebook site of the Ukrainian women's group FEMEN, the young woman described her ordeal and vowed one last demonstration before leaving.

"I don't want to leave Tunisia before I do a topless protest," Tyler said in a filmed Skype conversation with a member of FEMEN, a group that often uses nude protests in a fight for women's rights.

Bouchra Belhaj Hamida, Tyler's former lawyer, said Tyler had escaped from her family in a village outside the capital and was now staying with friends as she gathered the necessary documents to get to France.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newfoundland

Facebook 'threat' targets Premier Dunderdale, government says

The Newfoundland and Labrador government has reported to police online postings it says threatened the life of Premier Kathy Dunderdale.

The government also moved Tuesday to suspend NDP member Gerry Rogers who was added to the Facebook group on which the threats were made.

Rogers said she was added to the site without her consent, refused to apologize and was led out of the legislature on a point of contempt.

She was to return on Wednesday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court of Appeal

Boy's finger lost, 15-month sentence stays

It started out with an argument on Facebook and ended with a boy's finger being ripped off in a fight.

Now the Ontario Court of Appeal has confirmed Superior Court Justice Catherine Kehoe got it right when she handed the assailant a 15-month youth sentence.

"The trial judge characterized the appellant's actions ... as gratuitously violent. I agree with her assessment," reads the appeal court decision released this week.

METRO IN OTTAWA

Clear for takeoff. Feds rein in those peekaboo scanners at airports

The federal government is changing the software on the full-body scanners at airports so they no longer produce a complete outline of a traveller's body.

Transport Canada says the new technology will increase privacy while still ensuring security.

There now are 52 scanners installed at airports across the country.

They work by beaming low-level radio frequency energy over and around the passenger's body.

Instead of a silhouette of a person's physique, the new software will produce a stick figure on the scanner's screen and identify areas of the body where objects might be concealed under clothing.

Transport Canada says the scans can identify anomalies on a passenger, including metals and non-metals of all shapes and sizes; ceramic-type threats such as knives and sharp instruments; liquids and explosives.

Steven Fletcher, minister of state for transport, said: "This new software will ensure the continued safety and security of Canadian passengers, while respecting their privacy."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Commons bill. Electoral reform legislation will hang up on robocalls

The Harper government will introduce electoral reform legislation on Thursday.

Tim Uppal, minister of state for democratic reform, said the bill will address concerns put before a Commons committee by Marc Mayrand, chief electoral officer.

"Our government will introduce comprehensive elections reform proposals to increase accountability, accessibility and integrity," Uppal told the Commons on Tuesday.

The legislation is intended to address problems arising from the robocalls scandal.

An Elections Canada report has offered ideas aimed at preventing another rash of robocalls in future election campaigns.

They include penalties for impersonating election officials, wider investigative powers for elections officials and increased voter privacy.

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Guelph ground-zero

- **An Elections Canada investigation is centred on Guelph, where residents say they received automated phone calls directing them to a wrong or non-existent polling station.**

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Three dead

Identifying the victims

An eight-year-old boy and a 29-year-old woman have been identified as two of the three casualties of the bombing, and the Chinese consulate in New York said one of its nationals was the third.

Martin Richard

Martin Richard, a Grade 3 student from the Boston suburb of Dorchester, was with his parents Bill and Denise, his younger sister Jane, a Grade 1 student, and older brother Henry.

Jane lost a leg to the attack, Congressman Stephen Lynch told Torstar News Service. Denise suffered severe head injuries, he said.

Police have closed off several city blocks around the Richard family home.

Krystle Campbell

Also identified on Tuesday was Krystle Campbell, of Medford, Mass., who worked at a restaurant in nearby Arlington. She was at the marathon with her father and her best friend.

William Campbell said his daughter was a "very caring, very loving person and was daddy's little girl." He said her friend was seriously injured.

Her mother, Patty Campbell, said the couple was "heartbroken at the death of our daughter."

"Everybody that knew her loved her. ... She was always smiling. You couldn't ask for a better daughter," she said.

Boston University reported that the third victim was one of its graduate students. The Chinese Consulate in New York said the deceased was a Chinese national, as was another student who was injured. A Hong Kong–based broadcaster added that the deceased was a woman from the city of Shenyang studying statistics.

State-run news agency Xinhua reported that relatives have asked that the deceased not be identified.

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A family goes to leave flowers in front of the home of the Richard family, whose son,

Bombs likely used pressure cookers: FBI

Boston Marathon. Such devices are often used abroad, and guides are available online

The bombs that ripped through the Boston Marathon crowd appear to have been fashioned out of ordinary pressure cookers, packed with shrapnel and then hidden in duffel bags, investigators said Tuesday.

Scores of victims remained in Boston hospitals, many with grievous injuries, a day after the twin explosions killed three people, wounded more than 170 and reawakened fears of terrorism in the U.S.

At a news conference, FBI agent Richard DesLauriers confirmed that investigators found pieces of black nylon from a bag or backpack and fragments of ball bearings and nails.

He said the range of suspects and motives was "wide open."

FBI agents searched an apartment in the Boston suburb of Revere. According to one law enforcement official, the tenant had been tackled as he ran from the scene of the explosions. But the man may simply have been fleeing from danger, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pressure-cooker explosives have been used in Afghanistan, India, Nepal and Pakistan, according to a 2010 report by the FBI and Homeland Security. One of the devices used in the May 2010 Times Square attempted bombing was a pressure cooker, the report said.

Such devices have been recommended for lone-wolf operatives by al-Qaida. But guides on the bombs are readily found online, and officials said Americans should not rush to link the attack to overseas terrorists.

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Horrific consequences

"It wasn't a hard decision to (amputate)..... We just completed the ugly job that the bomb did."

Dr. George Velmahos, chief of trauma surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, where four leg amputations were performed

Martin, was killed in the attack. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

'Massive.' Dozens in Iran and Pakistan die in quake

An earthquake toppled homes on both sides of the Iran-Pakistan border Tuesday, killing dozens of people and causing skyscrapers to sway in Dubai. It also forced Iranian officials — for the second time in less than a week — to assure the world that its main nuclear reactor wasn't damaged.

At least 34 people were killed in a single village in Pakistan, a military official said. Iran issued conflicting reports; its state-run Press TV called the quake "massive" and cited 40 deaths before retracting that number. Other outlets mentioned no deaths.

The Tehran Geophysics Center said the quake measured at least magnitude 7.7, the strongest in more than 50 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People evacuate buildings in Karachi, Pakistan. SHAKIL ADIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International fears

Securing the London run

Security will be increased Sunday for the London Marathon, in response to the Boston bombing.

Police confirmed that plans are "under review" ahead of the world's largest marathon, and it is understood that extra staff will be deployed. Senior government officials met with police and intelligence chiefs Tuesday to develop a strategy, working closely with the FBI and U.S. police.

"They will be reviewing the route, spotting for weakness and areas that need more police presence," David Lowe, former counter-terror policeman and crime lecturer at Liverpool John Moores University, told Metro.

The logistics of policing the 42-kilometre course are problematic, but extra resources are expected to focus on the finish line.

It will be the latest in a string of major security operations in London, including Margaret Thatcher's funeral on Wednesday, the Olympics, the Royal Wedding and Jubilee celebrations — but this could be an advantage.

"London police and intelligence have a good understanding of how to manage mass participation, iconic targets, and balance security fears against freedom of access," risk management consultant David Rubens said.

Organizers claim few athletes have pulled out, citing a mentality in which "to stay away is to let terror win."

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London Marathon organizers expect the crowd to exceed 500,000 on Sunday. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Police in photo frenzy over Blade Runner

Cops' cellphones confiscated. Minister's revelation casts new doubts about police conduct in the case

The arrest of Paralympic athlete Oscar Pistorius in a murder case had an unexpected effect on South African police.

Cops clamoured to get photos of him on their cellphones — showing not only the depth of the double amputee runner's popularity but also casting more doubts about police professionalism.

Police minister Nathi Mthethwa said 49 cellphones were confiscated from officers after they were used to take photos of Pistorius.

They could be used as evidence in possible disciplinary proceedings, Mthethwa told parliament.

Mthethwa did not reveal how many officers — if any — are facing disciplinary action.

There were also revelations about a toilet door through which Pistorius — called the Blade Runner — fired the shots that killed girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp inside his home.

The door was put in "a body bag" and moved to a senior policeman's office, said Hilton Botha, the former lead investigator in the case.

Botha, who quit the police after news of attempted murder charges against him, said an officer told him she was offered money to provide media with photos of the door.

Botha was quoted as saying he was told there was an offer of $50,000 for a photo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

$50,000

The amount, reports say, was offered by media for a photo of a toilet door through which the fatal shots were fired.

Oscar Pistorius has been charged with murder and is free on bail. He says he shot Steenkamp accidentally. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Grieving the dead — at last

This citizen-journalism image provided Tuesday by the Aleppo Media Center and authenticated by The Associated Press, shows Syrians standing next to the bodies of 31 people killed by Syrian Army snipers in recent months in Aleppo — Syria's biggest city. Because of the location of the bodies, they couldn't be retrieved for burial until now.

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Addis Ababa. Hit hard by climate change, Ethiopia fights back by going green

"Climate change is not a secondary issue for us, it's the primary one!" exclaims Haileselassie Sebehatu Hailu, manager of Addis Ababa's Environmental Protection Agency, as we meet in one of the municipal offices.

Even though Addis is located at a high altitude, temperatures are rising. Indeed, Ethiopia, a desperately poor nation, is one of the countries worst affected by climate change.

"(Farmers) used to predict the weather by watching birds migrate and leaves change. Now people don't know when to plant, and they don't have other assets, so they can't buy food if their crops fail," reports Cathy Riley, Ethiopia Country Manager for Christian Aid.

To fight climate change doom the government has focused on getting Ethiopians to go green.

Collecting and reducing waste is seen as key, says Haileselassie (Ethiopians go by their first names).

The government is teaching farmers irrigation horticulture, which makes them less dependent on rain.

"Despite our small road coverage, we have a huge number of cars and buses, and they pollute", says Haileselassie. "So we're building a rapid bus and light rail system." ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Coffee death

2080

According to a new study by scientists at Britain's Royal Botanic Gardens, climate change means that by 2080 Ethiopian farmers may not be able to grow the country's famous Arabica bean. Coffee-growing countries in Central America stand to lose their coffee, too.

Up in smoke. Smoking in the home sharply reduces real estate value: Survey

A woman smokes a cigarette at her home. Homeowners risk coughing up big bucks if they're also smokers, according to a survey of Ontario real estate agents and brokers. DAVE MARTIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Homeowners risk coughing up big bucks if they're also smokers, according to a survey of Ontario real estate agents and brokers.

The survey found that smoking in the home can reduce the value of the property on resale by up to 29 per cent.

The study was sponsored by Pfizer Canada, a pharmaceutical company whose products include a smoking cessation medication. It estimates a potential loss of up to $107,000 on a home in Ontario, where the average price is currently around $369,000.

The study found that an overwhelming majority of 401 real estate agents and brokers in the survey agreed that it is more difficult to sell a home where owners have smoked.

More than half of respondents — 56 per cent — said most buyers are less likely to purchase a home where people have smoked, and 27 per cent said most are unwilling to buy a home where people have smoked. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Money for your gold?

A woman stands in front of a shop that buys and sells gold Tuesday in Berlin. Gold prices reached a two-year low this week and many gold mining companies are feeling a severe squeeze on profits. Gold stocks were still top of mind Tuesday among traders on the Toronto Stock Exchange, although mercifully most were in positive territory after severe losses the previous session. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

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Have you ever "borrowed" anything from a hotel room?

A nice fluffy bathrobe? A copy of Where Saskatoon? A souvenir hanger from the Hanoi Hilton?

Be honest, now. A recent Hotels.com survey reveals that Canadians are among the most thieving hotel guests in the world, ranking 22nd of 29 on the honesty scale.

Kanadian kleptomaniacs are particularly partial to "magazines and books," while Americans, who are slightly less honest, can't help stuffing the spare towels and pillow slips into their luggage.

Of course, Scandinavians from Denmark and Norway are the most honest when they are on the road and no one is watching, ranking first and third respectively. Is there anything these people don't do better than us?

I'm not sure what this means, but travellers from Quebec are significantly more honest than the rest of Canadians, at least when it comes to leaving stuff in hotel rooms where it belongs. Vive le Québécois honnêtes!

But look, this is not as clear-cut as the survey would make it. Some thefts, such as brand new coffee makers and mugs, hair dryers, and (for shame) the Bible, are obvious high crimes, while some are misdemeanours.

You have to wonder about "magazines and books." Am I the only one who was under what now appears to be the mistaken impression that if it has a hard cover it stays in the room, but magazines were meant to go along on excursions, providing portable, up-to-date information about gallery openings and ptomaine-free restaurants?

Then there are the toiletries seductively arrayed on the bathroom counter: shampoo, conditioner, hand cream, body wash, and mouth wash. What's the etiquette honnête? Maybe Canadians, unlike those healthy, clear-thinking, progressive, (probably lying) Scandinavians, are just confused.

One easy way to deal with this is to imagine how you'd feel if your own house guests routinely walked off with the soap, the soap dish, and the toothpaste, not to mention the art work, clock radio, towels and washcloths and bathrobes, all items regularly pilfered from hotel rooms.

You'd be fâché, for sure.

It's just good policy to leave the goodies, no matter how irresistible, where you found them. And now it's for a good cause. Many hotels are participating in a program called Clean the World, which sends leftover toiletries to developing nations.

I can't believe I just typed that sentence. The Global South may go to bed hungry, but at least it will go to bed smelling good. And you, honest Canadian, you did that.

Anyway: mitts off, and we hope you enjoy your stay.

ZOOM

Impersonating a legend

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Little Tramps mark Chaplin's birthday

Young supporters of the Charlie Circle, a Charlie Chaplin fan-club, participate in an annual parade to celebrate the birthday of Charlie Chaplin in Adipur, Gujarat state, India, Tuesday.

Canes in hand and bowler hats firmly in place, dozens of Chaplin impersonators tramped through the streets of this small port town to celebrate the legendary comic actor and filmmaker.

Chaplin has an odd resonance in this industrial town. Surrounded by salt flats bordering the Thar desert, Adipur's only claim to fame is the annual parade — now in its 40th year — to honour the silent era actor.

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Skipping work for Chaplin flicks cost fan his job

"I watched all three shows of the film that day. The next day I was sacked from my job for taking the day off without informing the office ... I lost my job, but I discovered Charlie Chaplin, and I've stayed his fan ever since."

Ashok Aswani, founder of Charlie Circle, a club that has been celebrating Chaplin's birthday since 1973, recalling that he was on his way to work when he saw a poster of Charlie Chaplin dressed as a tramp at the local movie hall.

He decided to skip work that day, which he was fired for, but has stayed a Chaplin fan ever since. "Every Chaplin film has a message for the common man. It's a message that has relevance even today."

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While Vine remains a few features short of ubiquity, Twitter's six-second video app is still home to a nice assortment of artsy, funny and just plain weird auteurs. Follow these accounts on Twitter for the freshest goods from great users.

@yelldesign:
Ever wondered what a potato rainstorm would look like? Or if corn could grow from paper? Of course you haven't. But Matt Willis has, and he uses Vines to make such imagined food feats come to life.

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You don't even have to wait for new material. The very funny actor-slash-Venture Brothers voice has a truckload of cleverly-crafted and hilarious skits to wade through.

Comments

RE: Global Warming: When It's Hot, We're Believers, But in the Cold We're Skeptics

"Anyone who believes that we aren't facing a climate crisis is either blind, ignorant, or doesn't care."

Another byproduct of our educational (indoctrination) system.

Wilbert Robichaud posted to metronews.ca

It seems to be more a trend of the planet. How many ice ages have there been? How many warming periods? Typically the people I see arguing about this are either ignorant on the subject, toting whatever Al Gore or that which other carbon interests have provided, as well as the scientists who may be endeavouring for career advancement, championed as saviours of our planet. It's completely reasonable to suggest that our activities are impacting the rate in which this occurs, but to say it's all us is crazy at best. The biggest issue faced is breathing quality and potential impact of pollutants in food and water. **Jerry Teeple posted to metronews.ca**

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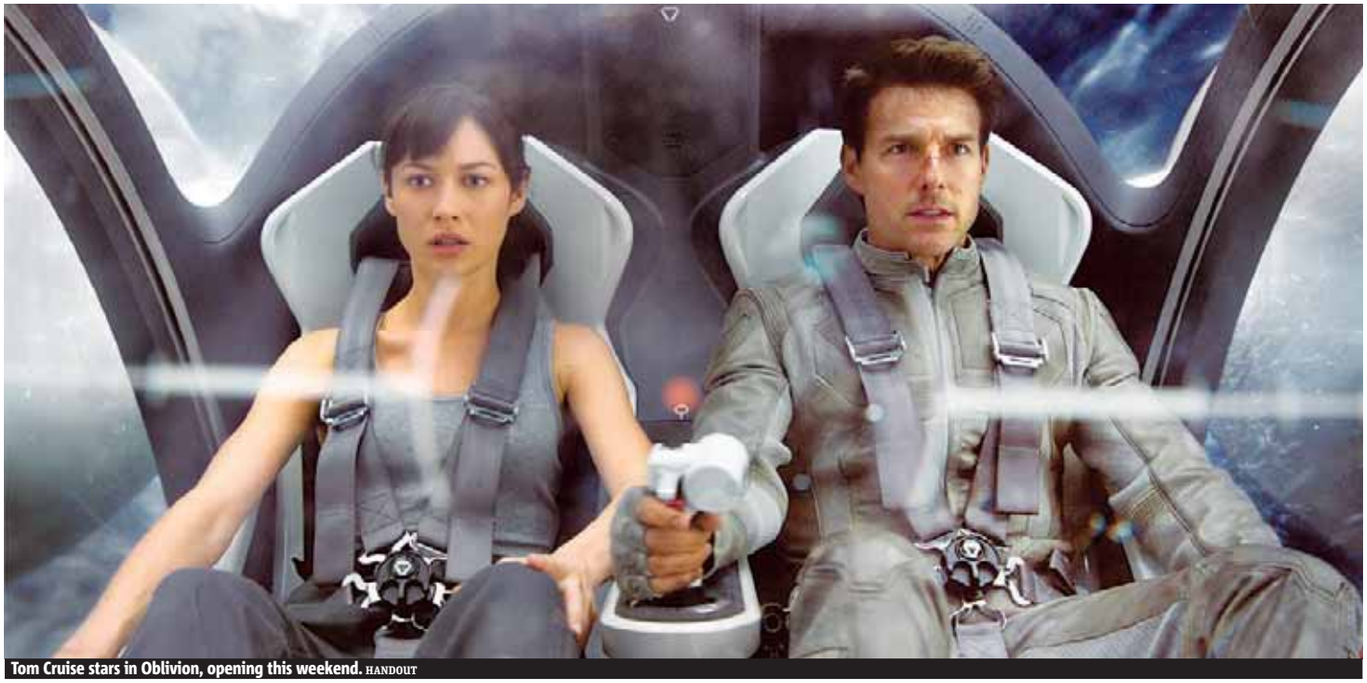

Tom Cruise stars in Oblivion, opening this weekend. HANDOUT

Hollywood's varied take on the end of the world

Movies. From serious to silly, an assortment of movies explore earth's final days

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It seems 2013 is the year Hollywood took Stephen Hawking, the world's leading theoretical physicist, to heart. "The human race shouldn't have all its eggs in one basket, or on one planet," he says, suggesting that if we don't change our ways we "might end up like Venus, at 250 degrees centigrade and raining sulphuric acid."

No fewer than three upcoming movies portray the Earth meeting an untimely end.

After Earth sees Will and Jaden Smith star as a father and son who crash land on Earth after an alien war has left the planet dead and abandoned. A Seth Rogen comedy aptly titled This is the End sees a cast of young A-listers — like Jay Baruchel, James Franco, Paul Rudd and Emma Watson — at a Hollywood party when the world suddenly ends.

This weekend Tom Cruise brings us Oblivion, another story about a scorched Earth, which Cruise's character, a drone maintenance man, discovers the planet might not be completely abandoned.

It's the end of the world as we know it, at least according to Hawking and Hollywood, but it isn't the first time the world has ended, on screen anyway.

Coming a just half a dozen years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Five goes down in the almanac as the first sci-fi nuclear war film. It's set in a world destroyed by nuclear holocaust. The only five Americans to survive include a pregnant woman and her unborn baby, a neo-Nazi, an African-American man and a bank clerk. The story of subsistence and racial intolerance is an influential movie — Roger Corman and several others have borrowed the basic plot line — but its director, Arch Oboler, was a radio producer and the film is as visually interesting as you would guess a movie made by a sound engineer to be.

The Bed Sitting Room is a British take on Five, only with jokes instead of Oboler's earnest message. Starring Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, it's set in a post-nuclear-holocaust London following the Second World War. The war lasted only two minutes and 28 seconds before the bomb was dropped, leaving this strange group of survivors, including a civilian who is next in line for the throne, to explore their devastated city.

So far we've talked about serious and strange end of the world movies, but how about a silly one? That would be Savage Planet, an abandoned Earth movie that sees the planet taken over by giant killer space bears!

Boston's Wahlberg 'disgusted' over tragedy

Mark Wahlberg was in a sombre mood at the New York premiere of his new film, Pain and Gain — still grappling with the tragedy that struck his hometown in Boston.

Earlier Monday two bombs went off near the finish line at the Boston Marathon. Three people were killed and at least 140 were injured.

"I really didn't even want to come tonight. I hadn't really heard much — I spoke to my mom, and most of my family seems to be OK. It's such a big event, there's so many people there. It's horrible man. It's (expletive) disgusting, man. I just — I'm very upset," Wahlberg said Monday night.

"You try to put everything in God's hands and whatever happens here is out of our control and there's a bigger picture. But it's still obviously upsetting," the 41-year-old actor said on the red carpet before going into the premiere hosted by The Cinema Society.

New York rapper 50 Cent was a guest at the premiere and before going inside, he expressed his dismay. "Why is it even happening? But there's no explanation. We don't even know what happened (yet)," 50 Cent said.

Some 23,000 runners took part in the race, which attracts more than 500,000 spectators. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark Wahlberg

New Kids on the Block

Joey McIntyre OK after explosions

New Kids on the Block singer Joey McIntyre tweets that he's OK after two bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon minutes after he completed the 26.2-mile run. The 40-year-old tweets Monday that "there was an explosion by the finish line about 5 minutes after I finished." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rosario Dawson can talk you into anything

Trance. The star talks about the dangers of learning how to talk like a hypnotist and the challenge of baring all on screen

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Rosario Dawson plays Elizabeth in the movie Trance. HANDOUT

Rosario Dawson put in plenty of practice to master the vocal style of her Trance character, a professional hypnotherapist, and the clearest sign that all of that practice paid off came when she nearly got herself and a pal into a car accident. But we're getting ahead of ourselves.

To master the wording and rhythm of the many trances that her character uses to hypnotize clients over the course of the film, Dawson recorded herself saying each one and would listen back to them — which was all fine and good until she took the practice on the road.

"I had made this recording and I was going out with my friend Tara to go to Sunday dinner — which is a thing in England in the afternoon — but I had, like, 10 pages that Monday and I wanted to make sure I had it all down," she recalls. "So I was like, 'Do you mind if we listen to it on the way over there?' She's driving and kind of (zoning out). She was like, 'Rosario? I think I understand why they say to not operate machinery while listening to motivational speeches. I'm feeling very lulled right now, this might not be good.' So either I'm boring you or I'm really good at this."

Endangering her pals aside, Dawson had other concerns when it came to Trance — namely the film's extremely revealing and much-talked-about nudity.

"The nudity definitely is something. Not so much that it bothers me but because it becomes a focal point, it becomes a conversation point," she says. "I liked the way that this was structured and how particular and specific the necessity for it in that scene is. The secrets and the depths that are gone to that are revealed there that have nothing to do with it being the obvious titillating visual. It felt very dangerous and risky, and I could connect to it as an actress. It didn't feel gratuitous, it didn't feel too much. It felt like the right kind of challenge."

But a challenge that still gave her pause, she admits.

"This was a remarkable script, but it was also a lot different and way more challenging, and it was kind of going, 'Do I even go in on this?' If I'm not willing to go to the levels and places that this is going to demand me to go — because it was all in the script — then I need to not even audition," she says. "Because I know I'm going to walk in and be so excited to work with (Danny Boyle) and I don't want to waste anyone's time. So it was a real moment of reflection. I dig this character, and it's something that you don't see very often, this kind of a woman at the centre of a film and the strength that she shows through her mind and her cleverness. I was willing to go there, to explore her bravery and her courage, and it tested mine."

Beauty secrets with Rosario

Rosario Dawson is renowned for her beauty and longevity, but she's not about to take credit for it.

- "Have you seen my hair and makeup team back there? It's like getting going into the (Nascar) pit," she says with a laugh. And of course, she has genetics on her side. "I feel very lucky. My grandmother was almost 76 when she passed, and she did almost everything wrong — she was a smoker, she was a drinker, she used to wear oil in the sun — and she had the most remarkable skin and was just awesome and vivacious and strong and incredible. So I'm just going to give it to the good genes and hopefully I can follow in her footsteps, and if not it feels like there's not much I can do. Live in the moment. Drink a lot of water and try to get sleep."

Singer/guitarist Ritzy Bryan. GETTY IMAGES

How a cabin in the woods shaped The Joy Formidable's Wolf's Law

Inspiration. Charming rented cabin provided perfect setting for band to record its sophomore album

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

Normally, a canceled gig is a big setback for a touring band. For The Joy Formidable, however, one particular ditched show turned into creative gold.

Dial back to Thanksgiving 2011 and the British rock band's U.S. tour for its debut, The Big Roar, was headed to Portland, Maine. But when venue abruptly closed, it led to the cancellation of what was the last show before a week off. What to do? Head home early for a rest, or travel further into deep Maine, to Casco? They chose the latter.

"We'd been writing on the road," says singer/guitarist Ritzy Bryan. "It's difficult to track on buses and in hotel rooms. There's only a certain amount of charm that having background noise brings to a record. … We were very excited by what we were writing and we needed time to reflect on it."

So the trio chose a different type of lodging.

"We rented a cabin in the woods for a week," says Bryan. "The cabin had such a great energy we decided to go back there in January to finish the record; to make sense of it all."

Their stay didn't turn into a horror movie. Instead, with no distractions — no Wi-Fi, no phone — Bryan and her bandmates, bassist Rhydian Dafydd and drummer Matt Thomas, found the perfect spot to craft their sophomore album, Wolf's Law.

Isolation morphs into contemplation, giving the record contrast as emphatic orchestration and Bryan's airy crystal voice tops driving, spiraling rock. Unusually, the title song is a hidden track, but in many ways, it's the album's most important. It was written in London, one of the first new songs after the band's debut: It's the link between the nascent band and what is now a seasoned trio.

"Wolf's Law was a big part of making this record, almost too big," says Bryan. "We needed to include it, but we always felt that it belonged on its own because it was conceived almost as an art piece. It needs a space on its own."

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Amanda Seyfried misses her boobs

Amanda Seyfried

Not that there's anything wrong with them now, but Les Miserables star Amanda Seyfried says her breasts used to be bigger — and she laments not appreciating her ample bosom more when she was younger. "I saw a picture of them a couple of days ago from when I was 19, and my boobs were way bigger. They were a D, and now they're a small C because I lost weight," she tells Allure magazine. "There was something so beautiful about the size of them. When I look back, I'm like, 'Why did I always give myself such a hard time?' Nobody gave me s— about it except me." But Seyfried admits that even at their current size, her breasts can be a problem. "They do get in the way a lot," she says. "Like I wear a really small, tight sports bra when I go running … because they want to smack my chin."

The Word

Meet B. Coop's mother

THE WORD
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Bradley Cooper has an interesting roommate — his mother. In the new issue of Details, he admits he's been living with his mother since his father died in 2011.

"Let's face it: It's probably not easy for her, by the way, to be living with her son," he admits. "It's life. And right now, two years after my father's death, this is where we are... But don't get me wrong. It's not without complications. It's not like I live in a compound and she's in the guesthouse. No. She's in the next room."

I used to share an apartment with a guy who was in the room over and I heard everything — and my roommate wasn't nearly as attractive as Bradley Cooper. Let's hope Mama Cooper is a little hard of hearing.

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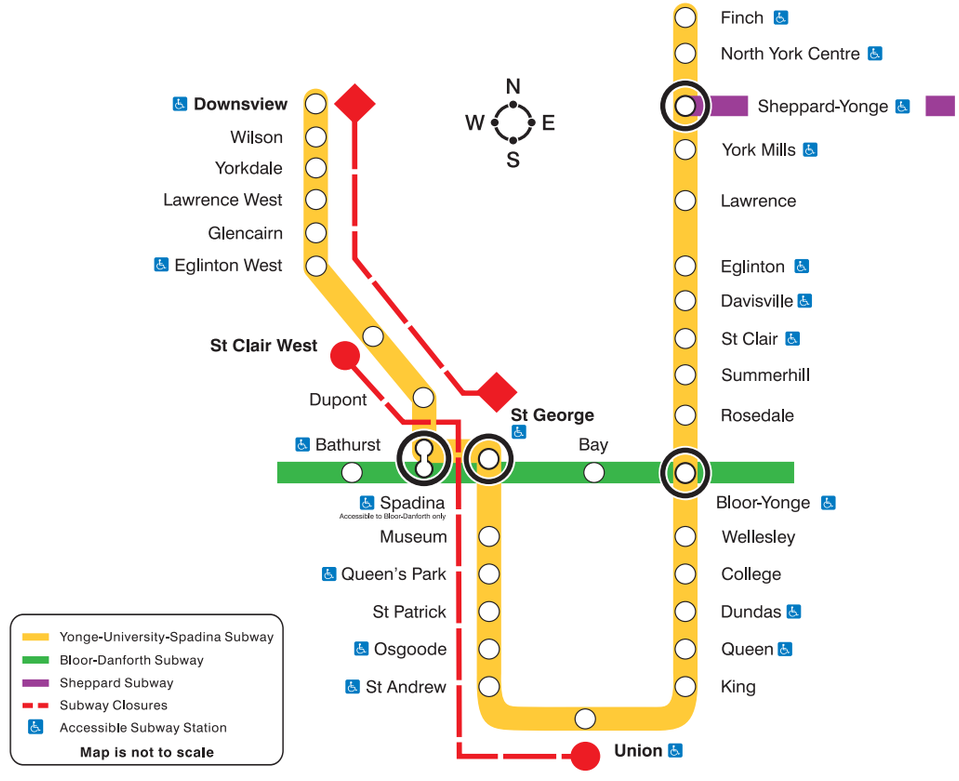

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Jackie Robinson's Brooklyn

Historic tour. With the movie 42 in theatres, now is the time to traipse the legendary steps of the man who integrated baseball

With the movie 42 bringing the Jackie Robinson story to a new generation, fans young and old may be inspired to visit some of the places in Brooklyn connected to the African-American athlete who integrated Major League Baseball when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

In Coney Island, a statue portrays Robinson and Pee Wee Reese, the white Dodger who stood by him in the face of racist taunts. At the cemetery on the border of Brooklyn and Queens where Robinson is buried, admirers still leave baseballs and other mementos. And for fans who enjoy irony — or who remain bitter about the Dodgers' departure to Los Angeles in 1957 — there's a "No Ball Playing" sign at the housing complex where the Dodgers' storied stadium, Ebbets Field, once stood.

Joseph Dorinson, author of Jackie Robinson: Race, Sports and the American Dream, says it's no accident that the colour barrier was broken by a Brooklyn team. "Jackie made it in Brooklyn, and no other place, because of the multicultural and ethnic diversity here," he said.

Here's a guide to exploring Jackie Robinson's Brooklyn.

Statue

The life-size statue in Coney Island shows Robinson and Reese arm in arm. It's inscribed with the story of how Reese, captain of the Dodgers, "stood by Jackie Robinson against prejudiced fans and fellow players ... silencing the taunts of the crowd" during a game in Cincinnati. The statue is located outside MCU Park, where the minor league Cyclones team plays, at Surf Avenue and West 17th Street, near the last stop on the D, F, N or Q train to Coney Island.

Home and church

Robinson lived in several places in Brooklyn before moving to Queens and later Connecticut with his wife and children. On a tidy block in East Flatbush, a two-story brick house at 5224 Tilden Ave. with a rusting fence and peeling paint bears a plaque that states: "The first African-American major league baseball player lived here from 1947 to 1949." There is an effort to landmark the house.

Robinson and his wife Rachel also lived for a time at 526 MacDonough St. in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Although much of the movie was filmed in the South, some scenes were shot on MacDonough because the filmmakers wanted to show the building's distinctive front stoop, a common feature of Brooklyn homes. The production company used the Nazarene Congregational Church at 506 MacDonough St. for storage and wardrobe while filming, according to Nazarene's pastor, the Rev. Conrad Tillard.

When Robinson first arrived in New York, he lived for a time with Nazarene's then-assistant pastor, the Rev. Lacy Covington and his wife Florence. "Church and faith were central to Jackie Robinson's success," said Tony Carnes, who publishes an online magazine called A Journey Through NYC Religions.

Nazarene was considered a "mink coat church" at the time, Tillard said, with an educated, affluent African-American congregation. Robinson later came back to the church to "make an impassioned speech about the dangers of drugs," Tillard said. Robinson's son, Jack, who'd served in the Vietnam War, was a heroin addict.

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A statue of Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson at MCU Park in Brooklyn. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gravesite

Robinson died in 1972, just a year after his son died in a car accident. They are buried, along with the Covingtons and Robinson's mother-in-law, in Cypress Hills Cemetery. "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives," reads the inscription on Robinson's tombstone. Mementos left by fans at the grave include a bat and baseballs, with one ball bearing a handwritten note thanking Robinson "for being an inspiration, strong and courageous."

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Does Coachella and Bonnaroo leave you lusting for more ear candy? Check out some of these smaller fair weather events

Grace Potter & The Nocturnals know a little something about summer festivals after using the circuit to build their following.

So when they started their own festival, Grand Point North Festival in Vermont, they had a lot of specific ideas.

"It's significantly smaller than most festivals and that's intentional," Potter said. "We also built the dream of Grand Point North around really showcasing the city of Burlington, Vt., because that's the other character in the play. So many of my favourite festivals do that."

America's festival scene is no longer just the big four — Coachella, Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza and Austin City Limits.

Grand Point North is one of several new festivals — some artist curated — that are thriving as the culture spreads across America.

Each has its own personality.

For Potter and her band, it's about recreating the sense of discovery they always feel when they play up to 10 festivals a year.

"When I go to a festival I don't look at the lineup," Potter said. "I literally just wander around and discover new bands. That's always been my goal because I like to be pleasantly surprised. The seeker in me always appreciates seeing something from the outside."

Here's a peek at a summer six pack of new festivals the seeker in you might want to check out.

Grand Point North Festival, Sept. 13-14: Potter and her band's festival is inspired by fellow Vermont residents Phish, whose small city-sized festivals could pop up anywhere and include anyone. In its first year the festival drew bands like The Avett Brothers, Dr. Dog and the Carolina Chocolate Drops. Lineup highlights: to be announced.

Orion Music and More, June 8-9: The members of Metallica mean it when they say music and more. Last year, the festival included a classic car exhibit, the Metallica museum and guitarist Kirk Hammett's horror movie memorabilia collections. Oh, and an eclectic lineup of bands. This year's festival will be held on Detroit's Belle Isle. Lineup highlights: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Rise Against, Bassnectar and a reunited Infectious Grooves will join Metallica.

Solid Sound Festival, June 21-23: This festival at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art reflects curator Wilco's musical sensibilities. There's a definite improv feel to some of the acts and the museum setting lends a certain versatility that other festivals don't have. Lineup highlights: Neko Case, Low, Medeski, Martin & Wood, Yo La Tengo and White Denim with Wilco and several side projects.

Hangout Music Festival, May 17-19: One of the faster growing new festivals, the beach setting in Gulf Shores, Ala., and relatively small crowds — tickets are capped at 35,000 — offer a different kind of vibe than most. Fans can step out of condos and directly into the festival, which is held surf side. Lineup highlights: Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, Kings of Leon, Stevie Wonder and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis.

Outside Lands Festival, Aug. 9-11: The rapidly growing festival reflects San Francisco culture and has been held in the scenic Golden Gate Park since its inception in 2008. It draws as many as 60,000 people and has grown into a regular stop on the festival circuit. Lineup highlights: to be announced April 16.

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Coming soon...

- **Governors Ball Music Festival June 7 - 9.** Just two years old and housed on Randall's Island in New York City, Governors Ball already sports a huge lineup and like Outside Lands is becoming a destination for many of music's big acts. Lineup highlights: Kanye West, Kings of Leon, Guns N' Roses and Kendrick Lamar.

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Tips for pet travel

Don't let the cat out of the bag

ON THE MOVE
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Most vets do not recommend flying with your pet unless absolutely necessary.

However, I know first-hand that sometimes you have no choice but to bring your furry family members along for the ride. In order to reduce the stress on them, and you, there are a few things you can do.

Buy a proper travel kennel for air travel. Larger pets make the flight in the plane's baggage compartment and should be in hard-sided kennels with no wire or mesh sections, which would allow a part of the pet to protrude. It should also be leak proof, secure and according to international regulations, big enough to allow the animal to stand up-right, turn around and lie down. For smaller pets that are carried on board, use a proper soft-sided version with air holes.

Feed your animal at least 4 to 6 hours before travelling as a full stomach can cause discomfort. Avoid sedating them and ensure they are well exercised prior to boarding. Label the outside of the kennel with your pet's name and cover the bottom with an absorbent material like a blanket or towel. Leave an empty water dish inside and attached to the door. If the flight is delayed or there is a problem, it will assist the crew in watering your pet. Don't forget to leave the door unlocked.

Happily more hotels are becoming pet friendly, although often that means dogs are welcome but not cats. There are some standard rules and good behaviours to be aware of if you are bunking down with Fido.

Unless the hotel management allows it, make sure your pet is never left alone. While you are in the room, use the Do Not Disturb sign and keep the dead bolt locked. You do not want hotel staff to be surprised or scared when knocking at the door. Be aware that some hotels may levy additional charges or ask for a damage deposit and you may be required to sign a pet waiver upon check in.

Feed your pet well in advance of air travel. ISTOCK

Montreal jazzes up its summer events

City of festivals. In June, July and August there's never a dull moment in Quebec's largest city

Montreal's jazz festival isn't just about the jazz. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Festivals in Montreal are a lot like buses. It seems there's one along every few minutes.

OK, maybe it just seems like that when there are roughly three dozens festivals between now and the fall, with the intensity ratcheting up during the busy — and tourist-driven — summer season.

There's virtually a festival for every taste — music, theatre, arts, even food.

The crown jewels are the world-renowned Montreal International Jazz Festival and the Just For Laughs International Comedy Festival. Both of the hugely popular events are into their third decade and stretch over weeks instead of the days that are offered by most events. The jazz festival is already teasing some of the names that will be on this year's roster, confirming that music legends Aretha Franklin and Wynton Marsalis will appear during the June 28 to July 7 fest.

Just For Laughs will announce its lineup shortly.

The Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival is poised for its April 22 launch, bringing together an international buffet of scribes from 15 countries for an event that is as much about socializing as it is about substance.

"We're just here to entertain people and have people meet new friends," says Gregory McCormick, director of programming for the festival.

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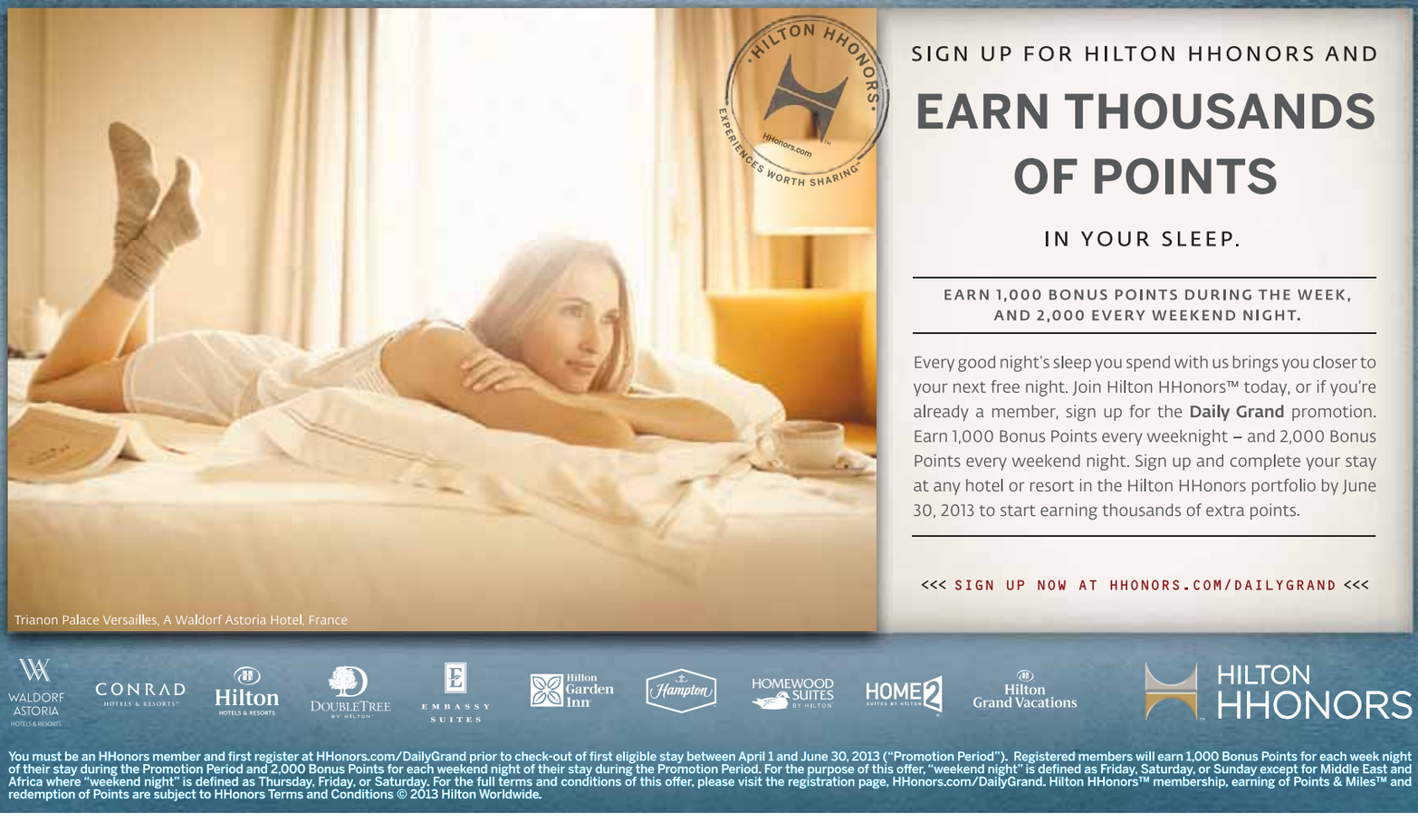
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Das foodie: Berlin's culinary renaissance

Michael Wickert smokes sustainable-sourced fish in Berlin. ALL PHOTOS: METRO WORLD NEWS

In a city where communism became kitsch and bunkers are converted to galleries, it's fitting that Berliner cuisine would be full of throwbacks to old-world foodcraft. The epicentre may be Markthalle IX, a large indoor market in the street art mecca of Kreuzberg. Built in 1891, the structure was taken over by commercial supermarkets after the fall of the Berlin Wall. But in 2011, enterprising foodies restored the space to its original purpose, welcoming back butchers, bakers, cheesemakers and vendors like Big Stuff Smoked BBQ.

You might think to skip the pulled pork while in Berlin, but Big Stuff co-owner Tobias Burger actually smokes his meat in the tradition of Czech and German immigrants who brought the techniques to America. Sauces are locally-made, and the buns on which he piles slices of dry-rubbed brisket are crafted from a 19th-century Scottish recipe. You'll want a chunk of his 14-hour smoked pork belly on one of these, served "pure," as Burger calls it, with just a sprinkle of crunchy salt.

Around the corner is Glut & Späne, named for the smoldering beechwood shavings over which Michael Wickert smokes his sustainably-chosen fish. After studying aquaculture and managing a trout farm in France, Wickert settled in Berlin and opened G&S last October.

With whole cured rainbow trout hanging behind him like a jeweller's display, he serves salmon fillets and gravlax draped over spelt bread with a smear of horseradish cream.

Berlin's Museum Island is bordered on the east by Mitte, a small, chic neighbourhood studded with high-end boutiques. After visiting the Pergamon, stroll over to Lebensmittel in Mitte, a small café/market serving tightly curated "lebensmittel," or everyday provisions.

A standout is the homemade leberkase, a traditional Bavarian dish that's hard to describe without invoking its literal translation, "liver cheese" (it contains neither). Probably named for its texture, it's a ground mixture of pork and beef shaped into a loaf, baked, and served in slices on a crusty roll. You'll never see people in Prada eat meatloaf with such abandon.

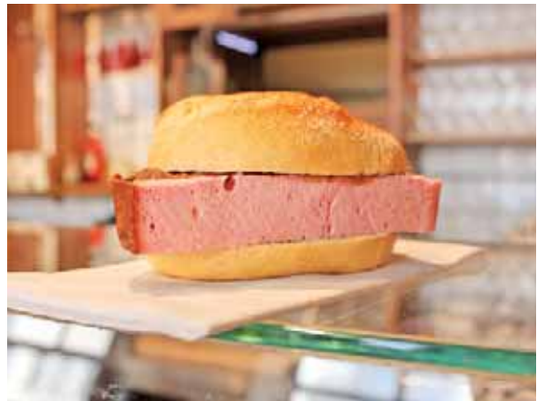
Where better to worship the past than a flea market? On Sundays Berliners head to the Mauerpark to pick through broken Bavarian china and '80's-era Doc Martens. Refreshments are vintage, too. In the beergarden, 20somethings in tight pants slice strudel next to Turkish grandmothers hand-rolling dough for kebab wraps.

Flea marketing is a warm-weather sport, but in fall and winter you'll find plenty of cups of glühwein (hot, mulled red wine) to keep your hands warm. Also appreciated is the stand serving rustic, bacon-laced vegetable stews and, in a nod to their neighbours, Turkish lentil soup. "WIR BENEUTZEN KEINE KUNSTLICH EN ZUZATZE" declares the sign at the register, written in ransom-note font. Translation: "We use no artificial additives." Homemade is the new punk.

Where to stay

Berlin offers plenty of small, affordable rooms for single or coupled travellers — some no wider than the beds they contain. At the cheaper end, in a quiet corner of Kreuzberg, is Die Fabrik (diefabrik.com), where single rooms start at $45. Bathrooms are communal but clean. Just east of the Spree river but incalculably hipper is The Michelberger (michelbergerhotel.com), where $85 will get you a "cosy" room a short walk from a preserved stretch of the Berlin Wall and the majestically minimalist architecture on Karl-Marx Allee.

Sweet and savory strudel is sold at the Mauerpark Fleamarket.



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Custard and pancake textures meet in refreshing berry-studded dessert

This pretty berry-studded dessert is a delicious cross between a custard and a pancake.

It makes a great entertaining option because you can pop it in the oven to bake while the main course is being served.

It also gets top marks as an arthritis fighter: it's low in saturated fat for a dessert, and includes raspberries, which are a great source of fibre, are high in antioxidants and have a low glycemic index

Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 ml) unsweetened frozen raspberries
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) liquid egg substitute
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) 2% milk
- 1 cup (250 ml) all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) granulated sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) melted non-hydrogenated margarine
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- Icing sugar (optional)
- Low fat vanilla yogurt (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C).

2. Scatter raspberries in a greased, 11-inch (28 cm) shallow baking dish with fluted edges.

3. Combine eggs, milk, flour, sugar, margarine, vanilla and salt in a blender. Blend, on medium speed, scraping the pitcher once, for 30 seconds or until smooth. (Or, combine all ingredients in a bowl and whisk until smooth.)

4. Pour batter evenly over the raspberries. Bake for 40 minutes or until set.

5. Dust with icing sugar. Slice into wedges and serve warm with a dollop of yogurt.

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Raspberry Clafoutis

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- Top up champagne
- Garnish: vanilla stick

Shake Luksusowa cherry and vanilla syrup in shaker with ice. Double strain into a chilled champagne flute. Top with cold champagne, garnish and serve.

***Vanilla Syrup**

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

In saucepan, bring sugar and water to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until syrupy, about five minutes. Add vanilla extract. Pour into jar and refrigerate for up to 2 weeks. **RECIPE COURTESY OF MACIEK STAROSOLSKI, GLOBAL BRAND AMBASSADOR, LUKSUSOWA VODKA/ PHOTO COURTESY OF YBIMC**

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Much of my educational background focuses on the study of leadership and it is a course that I teach in the Department of Liberal Studies at Humber College in Toronto.

As an elective, students sign up for various reasons; some say they want to become better leaders and some just didn't want to take the elective on vampires that was offered instead. Regardless of intention, they are there and we have the opportunity to explore different concepts related to leadership.

On the first day of the course, I explain to my students that I can't teach them "leadership" — it's not something that is taught. However, it is something that can be learned. My role is to facilitate an environment where they can take the leadership concepts that we discuss and apply them to their context, regardless of their industry or the program that they are enrolled in.

We have a discussion about who we identify as leaders, and in each class that I have taught the leaders that are mentioned are positional, political and celebrities.

Through personal and professional development, my goal over the course is for my students to view themselves as leaders and consider the impact that they have and can have. This can occur both inside and outside the classroom through:

- Reading books about leadership
- Having discussions about current events that may be impacting the world or even a piece of your own world
- Watching TED talks, reading biographies and viewing documentaries
- Creating your own story on how you want to make an impact.

Whether it is formally or informally, lifelong learning suggests that we all continue to be shaped by those who are around us and perhaps the most influential is learning from our personal experiences by making meaning out of them.

Consider your paradigms and what experiences have influenced the way that you perceive our world. Take courses outside of your program and industry to experience new processes that can then be used and applied within your own field.

Whether you are in school or have just graduated, electives, week-long intensive courses and workshops can allow you to do so. Approaching situations with an interdisciplinary point of view will not only enrich your contributions, but also your own perspective. It's up to you as to which experiences and situations you'll choose to engage in.

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The 'big cheese' change

A teaching moment that I look forward to each semester is at the end of the course when my students are asked to reflect on their experience and say, "I used to think that only people who were in high-level positions were leaders, but now I know that anyone can be a leader."

It is in this moment that I am reminded of the power of experiences and hope that they carry this with them throughout their personal lives and professional careers.

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Russia

Bombings prompt security questions

Russian officials gave mixed signals Tuesday over whether they needed to increase security at key sporting events like the World Athletics Championship and the 2014 Winter Olympics after explosions at the Boston Marathon killed three people and wounded more than 170.

The track and field championship, which takes place in Moscow on Aug. 10 to 18, is seen as a dress rehearsal for the 2014 Olympic games in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

One top sports official said security was being beefed up but others said Russia's take on Olympic security was already very robust. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Spurs add T-Mac to playoff attack

The San Antonio Spurs have signed veteran forward Tracy McGrady, adding depth and experience as the playoffs arrive.

The 33-year-old McGrady is a seven-time NBA All-Star drafted ninth overall in 1997. In 938 career NBA games, McGrady has averaged 19.6 points, 5.6 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 1.21 steals per game. In 44 playoff games, he has averaged 25.2 points, 6.3 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 1.16 steals.

He most recently played for Qingdao of the Chinese Basketball League, averaging 25 points and 7.2 rebounds in 29 games.

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Washington Capitals forward Alex Ovechkin celebrates his goal as Toronto Maple Leafs centre Jay McClement skates away on Tuesday in Washington. Ovehckin's goal was his league-leading 28th of the season. The Capitals won 5-1. ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leafs can't snap up playoff spot vs. Caps

NHL. Ovechkin pushes his league lead in goals to 28 as Washington wins its eighth straight game

Alex Ovechkin scored his NHL-leading 28th goal, and the Washington Capitals enjoyed a rare feeling of dominance outside their division Tuesday night, winning their eighth straight with a 5-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Jack Hillen, Martin Erat, Troy Brouwer and Marcus Johansson also scored, and Braden Holtby made 29 saves for the Southeast Division–leading Capitals.

The Capitals have moved into playoff position by feasting on the weak Southeast, going 14-3 within the division, but they entered Tuesday's game just 9-14-2 against the rest of the Eastern Conference. All but two of those nine wins were by one goal.

So it was a major morale boost that they were able to manhandle Toronto, which is closing in on the franchise's first playoff berth since 2004.

The Maple Leafs had won four of five, but they looked sluggish one night after they beat the New Jersey Devils 2-0 at home. Toronto was down 4-0 to the Capitals before Mikhail Grabovski scored in the third period.

Ovechkin, with his 19th goal in 18 games, moved two ahead of Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos in the NHL's goal-scoring race.

The Capitals drew their usual close-to-full house, with fans seemingly undeterred by the deadly bombings at the Boston Marathon on Monday. Security was increased at the Verizon Center, although mostly behind the scenes and so subtly that many noticed little or no difference as they endured the usual bag searches and screenings by hand-held metal detectors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Playoff experience

Only nine current Leafs know what it's like to play in the NHL playoffs. Here are the most experienced in number of games:

39 — James van Riemsdyk (Philadelphia)

39 — Joffrey Lupul (Philadelphia, Anaheim)

36 — John-Michael Liles (Colorado)

25 — Dion Phaneuf (Calgary)

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Chicago's nice ninth puts Jays back in loss column

Blue Jays third baseman Brett Lawrie strikes out in his first major-league at bat this season on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre. Lawrie was 0-for-3 with a sacrifice fly and made a couple of good defensive plays at third base.
RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MLB. Lawrie's return not enough to spark Toronto to victory

Dayan Viciedo hit a run-scoring double to snap 2-2 tie in the ninth inning and Hector Gimenez followed with a sacrifice fly as the Chicago White Sox held on to defeat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 on Tuesday.

Paul Konerko homered for the White Sox (6-8). Colby Rasmus and J.P. Arencibia hit home runs for the Blue Jays (6-8).

Reliever Steve Delabar (1-1) starting his second inning walked Adam Dunn to open the ninth and Dewayne Wise ran for him. Konerko walked.

Delabar struck out Conor Gillaspie, but Viciedo lined a double to centre that just eluded Emilio Bonifacio to score a run and put Chicago into a 3-2 lead.

Gimenez hit a sacrifice fly against left-hander Darren Oliver to put Chicago up by two runs.

Matt Lindstrom (1-0) pitched a third of an inning to pick up the win.

Toronto starter Josh Johnson allowed four hits, including one home run, and two runs while striking out eight in seven innings.

White Sox starter Dylan Axelrod allowed seven hits and two runs, both on homers, in six innings.

The game marked the return of Blue Jays third baseman Brett Lawrie who started the season on the disabled list with a left oblique strain.

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MLB

Yankees hit sweet note in Boston tribute

The New York Yankees paid tribute to victims of the Boston Marathon bombings on Tuesday by playing the Fenway Park favourite Sweet Caroline at Yankee Stadium.

The popular sing-along of the Neil Diamond hit has been featured at Boston Red Sox home games since 2002. The Yankees played the song over the public-address system after the third inning of Tuesday night's 4-2 win against Arizona. Fans sang along, and some wore Red Sox hats and jerseys. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police officer patrols outside Yankee Stadium before Tuesday night's game. GETTY IMAGES

Drunk-driving charge

Brewers hurler's BAC three times over legal limit: Authorities

Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Yovani Gallardo was arrested on a drunk-driving charge Tuesday after authorities say he was driving on a city highway with a blood-alcohol content nearly three times the legal limit. Milwaukee County sheriff's spokeswoman Fran McLaughlin said a caller reported seeing a driver repeatedly swerving between lanes, and deputies spotted Gallardo driving alone at 40 m.p.h. in a 55-m.p.h. zone.

"He was very co-operative," McLaughlin said. "He said he had a couple of beers."

The arrest report says Gallardo had red glassy eyes, slurred speech and an odour of alcohol, and that he failed field-sobriety tests.

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Penultimately awesome

Toronto Raptors forward Amir Johnson blocks a shot by Hawks forward Ivan Johnson during the first half of Tuesday night's game in Atlanta. The Raptors won 113-96 in their second-last game of the season. Wednesday night's game against the Boston Celtics at the Air Canada Centre wraps up another playoff-less season for the Raptors.

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Sabre rookie's Boston return full of sorrow

NHL. Former UMass defender not focused on homecoming after marathon bombings

Sabre rookie Chad Ruhwedel played his college hockey with UMass.

RICK STEWART/GETTY IMAGES

In the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings, Sabre rookie defenceman Chad Ruhwedel has one more reason to be thankful for making the jump to the NHL.

Had Ruhwedel not elected to end his college career at UMass Lowell to sign with Buffalo last weekend, he would have likely spent Monday with his friends watching the marathon not far from the finish line where two bombs exploded.

"It's kind of hit me," Ruhwedel said. "It's hard to think about sometimes: 'I could've been there.' Fortunately, I wasn't. And I'm really praying for everyone who was."

Ruhwedel said his friends were unhurt after being not far from where three people were killed and more than 170 wounded.

He'll get an up-close reminder of what happened, after the Sabres travelled Tuesday to Boston, where they'll play the Bruins the following day.

The game will be the first professional sporting event to take place in Boston since the bombings.

But Ruhwedel's thoughts of making a homecoming have suddenly become secondary.

"Oh, that's not important to me. I just want to make sure everybody's OK down there," said the 22-year-old. "My homecoming is nothing compared to that."

Also placed on the backburner for now was talk of the Sabres' late-season playoff push. Players and team officials were instead expressing sorrow, sympathy and dismay in the wake of the tragic events.

"Life's way more important than hockey," forward Nathan Gerbe said. "I think everyone in the world feels their pain. It's heartbreaking."

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"I'll probably just stay in the hotel and chill."

Buffalo Sabre Nathan Gerbe, a former Boston College hockey player on his team's visit to Boston

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Enclave a world-class wagon

Review. Buick might have saved its own skin with the Enclave, and also carved out its future

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2013 Buick Enclave

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive full-size wagon
- **Engine (hp):** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (288)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $43,100

Design

The "waterfall" grille is bigger and its vertical slats are displayed more prominently. Buick's designers reshaped the hood and fenders, added chrome body side trim and installed new high-intensity xenon headlights and LED (Light Emitting Diode) tail lamps.

Safety

Along with its Chevrolet and GMC relations, the Enclave arrives standard with a unique front-centre airbag. This inflatable safety device, which deploys from the right-hand side of the driver's seatback, protects the upper body (head and thorax) regions of both front-seat passengers in the event of a side-impact collision.

All wheel drive

For all-weather driving conditions, the Enclave can be equipped with all wheel drive (AWD) that constantly monitors road conditions and seamlessly directs torque to the tires with the most traction when slippage is detected. AWD isn't too expensive an option and only slightly increases fuel consumption.

Even with smaller vehicles popping up like ants at a picnic, the full-size Enclave wagon remains Buick's best-selling North American model. And it's likely to stay that way with the arrival of the improved 2013 edition.

The Enclave was introduced for the 2008 model year and has proven a key pillar supporting Buick's rebirth. It shares basic ingredients with the Chevrolet Traverse and GMC Acadia, but a superior level of luxury content places it at the upper end of the affordability scale where it competes with the Acura MDX, Infiniti JX and even the Chevrolet Tahoe.

That old-school body-on-frame sport utility vehicle closely approximates the Enclave in size, if not in attitude, but can't touch it for fuel economy and roominess, or for the way it coddles and protects its passengers.

The 2013 Enclave retains all of its inherent strengths, but refines the experience for new and returning customers (four out of 10, says Buick).

Getting under way involves the usual 3.6-litre V6 that puts out 288 horsepower and 270 pound-feet of torque. The six-speed automatic transmission has had its electronic shift mapping updated for smoother operation.

It looks space-y, but this type of interior ambient night lighting is designed to cut glare.

The new touchscreen is an improvement.

The engine's output is decent, but it needs all of its horses to propel the Enclave's 2,270-kilogram curb weight with any authority and to tow up to 2.045 kilograms of trailer weight.

Also altered is the Enclave's suspension that gets new shocks and springs designed for improved ride and better control over bumps.

Being luxury-focused, the base $43,100 Enclave Convenience model arrives loaded up with tri-zone climate control, backup camera, eight-way-powered driver's seat and two-way-powered passenger seat and a power liftgate.

Clearly the Enclave has withstood the test of time to become a world-class wagon that has assisted in positioning Buick firmly in the upscale driver's seat. Even in a world that's getting noticeably smaller.

Why porky cars are going on a diet

Lamborghini has incorporated into its flagship the Aventador LP700-4, made entirely of carbon fibre. PHOTO BY AUDI

Light Italian dressing. Lamborghini leads the way with a lighter carbon fibre car that accelerates, brakes and takes corners better

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Every gram counts.

Just three little words that mean the world to Audi subsidiary Lamborghini these days as it delves into the science of lightweight construction and its effects on vehicle safety, performance, efficiency and emissions.

But simple words don't always translate into easy action. Achieving lightness has become incredibly complex business.

In addition to reducing the weight of individual components and systems, carbon fibre reinforced plastics (CFRPs) are joining aluminum and ultra-high-strength steels to make vehicle bodies that are not just lighter, but almost indestructible.

The new plastics do not lend themselves easily to mass production and working with carbon fibre has traditionally been both time and labour-intensive. But parent company Audi says it has made breakthroughs in dealing with the new-age plastics.

How crucial is weight reduction to performance and fuel economy? In the case of the Lamborghini Aventador, less weight also means increased strength, compounded by less load on the structure. PHOTO BY AUDI

It looks metallic but it's stronger and weighs less than steel or aluminum; the Lamborghini Aventador LP700-4's entire carbon fibre body shell weighs just 147 kilograms and is super strong. JOE KNYCHA/WHEELBASE MEDIA

Carbon fibre begins as a pliable product with the resin built right in. It's formed into a mold, by hand, put into a plastic bag and all the air is drawn out. PHOTO BY AUDI

The carbon fibre parts are cured in an autoclave, which is essentially a large oven. Once cured, the parts are separated from their molds and the process is repeated. PHOTO BY AUDI

A lighter body is the starting point for weight reductions on other parts of the car as engineers work to shave "every possible gram" (without compromising durability or function) from the drivetrain, suspension, passenger compartment, electrical system and the electronics.

Lightweight construction is a "strategic" policy that Audi's competitors are only now beginning to adopt, said Alios Feldschmid, head of total vehicle development.

"A lighter car accelerates, brakes and corners better and has sustainable economic and ecological results."

In an industry where the rule has been that vehicles get bigger and heavier over time, Audi is "reversing the weight spiral." As a result, the body of its newest A8 limousine is 40 per cent lighter, and considerably stronger, than if it were made of steel.

In Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy, Lamborghini — the maker of exotic sports cars — has incorporated into its flagship the Aventador LP700-4, made entirely of carbon fibre.

Rather than a body that sits on a separate frame, a monocoque design uses the body as the frame structure.

In a process that is still labour intensive and expensive, Lamborghini has taken the time required to complete a full "body-in-white" (the unpainted vehicle's basic body structure, including sheet metal but minus bolt-on components, like doors) to just over 120 hours from several weeks.

Since the 1980s, the average weight of Lamborghini cars has increased by about 500 kilograms. Why? Added safety features, more comfort and more pollution-control equipment, said Lamborghini president and CEO Stephan Winkelmann.

"This is a trend that we must reverse with urgency," he said, calling carbon fibre the "magic words" to achieving that goal.

Handling and acceleration, together with design, have become more important in the building of exotic sports cars than raw horsepower, said Winkelmann.

The Aventador LP700-4

- **Weight.** The Aventador weighs 1,778 kilograms compared to 1,668 for the retiring Murciélago, which is an overall reduction of five per cent.
- **Power.** Despite the engine being about 45 pounds lighter than the V12 in the Murciélago, the Aventador makes nine per cent more power, blasting to 60 mph (96 km-h) from zero in just 2.8 seconds.

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The Jag with great used-car value

Second gear. The 2000-2007 Jaguar S-Type is the Jaguar XK's more affordable sibling

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HANDOUT

The Jaguar S-Type is a stately, sophisticated and high-class sedan that amounts to a good used-car value given today's market conditions. Think of the S-Type as a cheaper alternative to the pricier Jaguar XK sedans. It boasts historically-rooted styling, posh accommodations and a selection of available engines. It was eventually replaced by the XF.

Heated leather seats, navigation, Bluetooth, satellite radio, parking assist, heated mirrors and a self-dimming rear-view mirror were available or standard. A 16-way adjustable memory driver's seat, memory mirrors, wheel and pedals, and automatic xenon lights were on board, too. Look for plenty of stitched leather, wood trim and a high-tech, high-luxury appearance.

Common Issues

On a test-drive, you'll want to ensure proper operation of the automatic climate control system. At least a few dozen owners online reported sporadic problems with the AC system and automatic climate control function.

A rough idle or poor performance could be caused by carbon buildup within the V8 engine, requiring a special cleaning agent to remove, periodically.

Note the quality of gear shifting with the automatic transmission, as well as the condition of the clutch if you're going with a five-speed manual equipped model. Any grinding or slipping when shifting a manual gearbox should be questioned — as should any harsh shifts or slippage with an automatic.

A number of recalls affected this model range, including ones to address faulty ball joints, seat belts, a fuel leak, the fuel tank itself, the parking brake and the transmission.

Translation? Be absolutely sure that all of this free recall work is carried out before buying.

What owners like

No surprises here. Looks, power, performance, exclusivity and luxury were all rated highly by owners, as was ride quality and comfort.

What owners dislike

Fuel consumption is a somewhat common complaint, though as it goes with most high-dollar luxury cars, owner-stated complaints are minimal.

Engines

Look for a three litre V6 and either a four or 4.2 litre V8, depending on the year. Power ranged between 235 and 300 horsepower. You'll find a manual gearbox on the base V6 engine, while an automatic was standard elsewhere. All models were rear-wheel drive.

The verdict

Jaguar is known for a sumptuous driving experience more than exceptional reliability and inexpensive repairs — so as many a Jaguar owner will advise you, opting for the extended warranty is a good idea on a model like this one.

Your vehicle needs some spring cleaning too

Spring cleaning is on most people's minds as the weather heats up. When making a spring cleaning checklist, don't forget to include your vehicle.

Properly maintaining your vehicle is essential to increasing its average life expectancy. To help keep it running on all cylinders, follow this simple checklist to make sure you stay off the side of the road:

Check your vision — About 90 per cent of all driving decisions are made based upon vision. Consider your options when maintaining your wiper blades. You may be able to clean them with rubbing alcohol; replace them if they are cracked, torn, cut or streaking.

Check your owner's manual for specifics — different cars have different sizes.

Check the wear pattern of your tires — If you notice certain parts are becoming more worn than others, take a look at some of the possible causes:

Wear on inside and outside edges means under-inflation

Wear in centre means over-inflation

Cups or dips in the tread means worn suspension parts

Sawtooth edges means misalignment

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And for those in need of new tires for their vehicle, each tire in the Goodyear Assurance family meets the needs of drivers by offering confident all-season traction plus a relevant benefit that enhances the driving experience. This product lineup includes Assurance ComforTred Touring with refined handling and comfort, Assurance TripleTred All-Season with ultra-traction, and Assurance Fuel Max with fuel efficiency.

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Some insight

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2013 Dodge Journey R/T AWD shown.[§]

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All of Subaru's 2013 models are considered Top Safety Picks by the U.S. IIHS, including this XV Crosstrek. JIL MCINTOSH/METRO

Your car crumples to save your life

Crashes. Engineers need to balance safety with handling and durability

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In a crash, there is a major difference between an old car and a newer one. The old car is rigid and will stand up to the collision, while the new car will crumple up.

Many people think it's because newer cars are flimsy, but that's not the case. Instead, unlike the old car, it's folding up to help save your life.

"Having a very strong, rigid body throughout means that any impact is transmitted directly into the vehicle and the occupants," says Ted Lalka, vice-president of product planning and marketing for Subaru Canada. "When panels flex and absorb the impact, it reduces the force of the impact to the occupants inside. Essentially, the vehicle is sacrificing itself to protect the occupants."

An auto crash actually involves three separate collisions. The initial one is when the vehicle hits something. The second is when the occupants are thrown around, hitting surfaces and objects inside the car. The third is when their bodies come to a stop, such as when the seat belt tightens, but their internal organs continue their trajectory until they slam into muscle or bones. This can cause serious injury or death.

If the car crushes as it's hit, much of that deadly crash energy is dissipated before it gets to the passenger compartment. The car contains "crumple zones" that progressively scrunch in around the cabin, which must remain sturdy and intact. If the cabin also folds inward, known as intrusion, occupants can be injured.

Automakers use different techniques to achieve this level of safety. "Subaru starts off with a ring-shaped body structure, made of high-tensile steel, which provides strength and protection," Lalka says. "Essentially, it's a roll cage around the entire occupant area. The body panels can then be made out of lighter-weight sheet metal, which weighs less and results in better fuel economy, and the force of the impact is absorbed by these panels.

"The other key is that the door openings must be functional even after a severe crash, so you can get out of the vehicle."

While the front end provides a long, larger area for crumpling, the vehicle's sides, and the abbreviated rear ends on hatchbacks and SUVs, are challenging. Engineers use beams and ring structures that channel the energy to the floor and roof, away from the passenger cabin.

The engineers also have to balance the car's attributes. While it needs to crumple, it can't be too flexible or it won't handle properly, and it has to have enough rigidity that a minor fender-bender won't require major repairs.

Safer than ever

- Although there are more cars on the road than ever before, crash fatality rates have dropped consistently through the years, primarily due to better car design.

A martyr on wheels

"When panels flex and absorb the impact, it reduces the force of the impact to the occupants inside. Essentially, the vehicle is sacrificing itself to protect the occupants."

Ted Lalka, vice-president of product planning and marketing for Subaru Canada
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Putting the pedal to the metal

Autopilot acceleration. Why accelerating feels so good ...

AUTO PILOT
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The sensation of acceleration is a joyful thing we get from cars. OK, some cars.

Because there are definitely a few that are just not into acceleration in any meaningful way. Consider this exchange from the movie, Horrible Bosses, when the police grill Nick Hendricks:

"You wanna explain why you were doin' 61 in a 25 zone … One block from the victim's house, just moments after he got shot dead?"

"I was drag racing. I'm a drag racer."

"You were drag racing? In a Prius?"

"I don't win a lot."

Whether you do it within or outside of the law, fast acceleration in a car never fails to bring us a jolt of pleasure. It's a similar sensation to a roller coaster ride, skiing, cycling fast down a hill, even sky-diving. Other pleasurable sensations — like listening to good music or savouring good food — are equally complex, but at least it's obvious how they get processed, by ears and taste buds and such.

How does acceleration get noticed by our minds and bodies, and why do we like it when it does?

The Internet people have answers for these questions. I will try to summarize.

Apparently, somewhere deep inside our ears are things called "otoliths." We have two in each ear, one for detecting acceleration in the horizontal plane, and one for detecting acceleration in the vertical plane.

Each otolith consists of a hard bone-like plate attached to a mat of sensory fibres. When our head accelerates, the plate shifts to one side, bending the sensory fibres. Gravity can also tug and shift the plates, bending the sensory fibres as well. This is how the brain gets the signal that the head is either accelerating or falling/rising or both. It's quite good at figuring out the difference, and if nothing is too extreme, we don't even know that it's processing all this information.

But when something changes up fast, or is unexpected and extreme, the brain suddenly becomes uber engaged. This intense mental activity can be frightening but also exciting. We like it.

This ramped-up state is also about an increased focus to help keep us alive during the potentially life-ending moments suggested by all this sudden acceleration. I guess that's why we evolved to have otoliths in the first place — self-preservation.

In addition to all this brain activity, our bodies are trying to reconcile forces that are just plain weird. When you are accelerating in a car, the car seat is essentially pushing you forward, but at the same time you're getting all this push back from the world — driving you back into the seat. It's the crazy nature of how we experience acceleration — from the opposite direction of the actual force accelerating you. In this way, the "skin" is another body organ that senses acceleration, particularly the portion around your butt cheeks.

All good clean fun.

One final safety tip: Though many sources cite "kinesthesioception" as the official term for our ability to sense acceleration, it is still not an acceptable Scrabble world.

The need for speed

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Speeding up can be a thrilling experience. ISTOCK

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As Canadians put away their snow blowers, hats and gloves, there is no better time to protect their vehicle, which for most people is their second largest investment. The harsh winter weather can take its toll, so proper cleaning and maintenance are key to staying on the road and not in the repair shop.

To help prepare for those spring showers and changing road conditions, here are simple tips drivers should perform to keep their vehicles running efficiently this road trip season:

Change in temperature means change in inflation. Proper tire inflation is essential for increased automotive safety, optimum driving performance and significant cost savings, including better fuel efficiency. Tires should be inflated to the vehicle manufacturer recommendations printed on the vehicle door placard or in the glove box and should be checked monthly. Improper inflation can lead to premature or irregular tire wear, and under-inflation reduces a vehicle's fuel efficiency by an average of 3.3 per cent.

Breathe free. You may be deeply breathing in that fresh spring air, but your car could still be choking on the salt, dust and sand it sucked in over the winter. Replacing your air filter improves air flow to the engine and increases engine performance and fuel efficiency, especially during warmer months.
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The harsh winter weather can take its toll on your vehicle. NEWS CANADA

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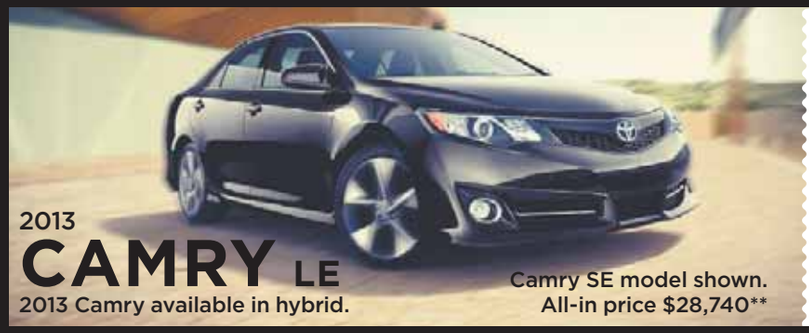

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Parts department

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Car-like scooter

Lit Motors of San Francisco, has created what it believes to be the ideal electric commuter vehicle. The C-1 is classed as a motorcycle in the United States, but it's actually a fully enclosed two-wheeled, one-plus-one-occasional-passenger conveyance that employs a pair of gyroscopes to keep it in the upright position when stopped. For power, the 350-kilogram C-1 uses an eight-kilowatt lithium-ion battery pack that can propel it to 60 mph (96 km-h) in less than six seconds and produce a top speed in excess of 100 mph (160 km-h). Orders for the 24,000 US C-1 are now being accepted for delivery in late 2014. For full details go to litmotors.com.

Sporty baby seat

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Home plates

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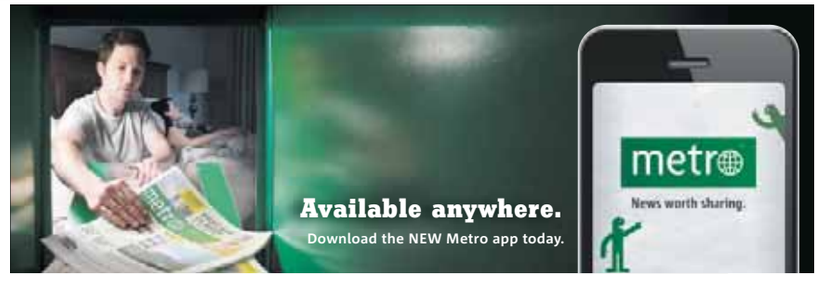

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Your workload is about to go through the roof but don't worry about it. You have nothing to fear. Somehow, you will find the time and the energy to get everything done that has to be done.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You need to give yourself permission to be yourself. Identify what it is you most want to do in life then go for it with all your physical, mental and emotional might.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Family matters will be in your mind today and there may be some kind of drama you have to resolve. Don't worry, you will cope with ease. Loved ones will respect your decisions, but first you've got to make them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you feel like letting your hair down and doing something out of the ordinary then go right ahead. Who cares about the cost? Life is for living and loving and laughing.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Before you start work on a new enterprise, make sure the foundations you've put in place are solid. You are going to be doing a lot of building over the next few weeks. You don't want to risk it all falling down.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
No challenge is too big for you. The next four weeks are going to be special, very special. How do you make the most of them? Just be yourself. You're special after all.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be tempted to ignore the world but is that really the best thing to do? Whatever it is that has put you in such a bad mood, don't let it win. Come out fighting today.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
There comes a time when, no matter how good you are at working on your own, you must join forces with others. The planets indicate it's time to get involved in a project that involves hundreds of people.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to slow down and ask yourself what it is you are trying to achieve. The time is right to move on and maybe move up. But first, convince yourself it's what you want.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do you feel trapped and unable to break out of a rut? The planets suggest you will soon be on the move again, and once you get going, you'll soon reach top speed.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are worrying about something that does not need worrying about. Once you realize that, you will be able to break out of the cycle of despair that currently holds you. Believe in yourself.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will get the opportunity over the next few days to build bridges to people you respect but who, for some reason, you are not as close to as you once were. Don't let this chance go.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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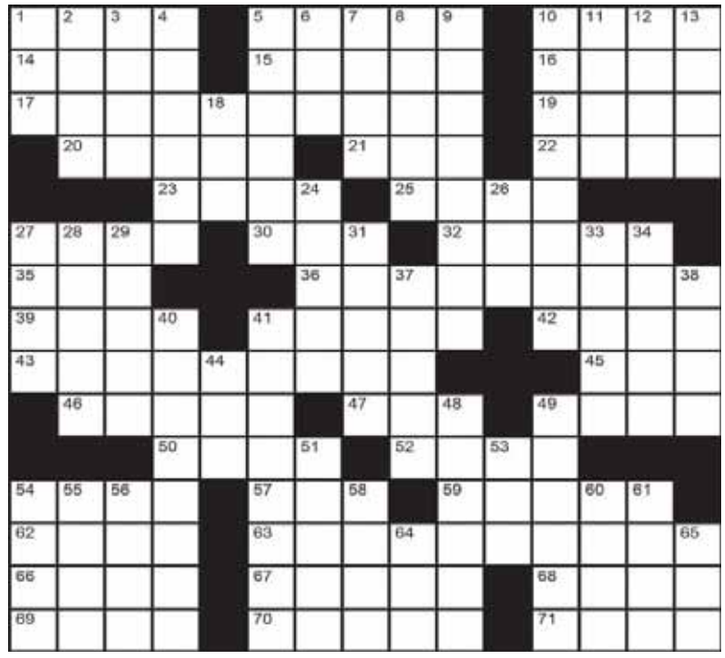


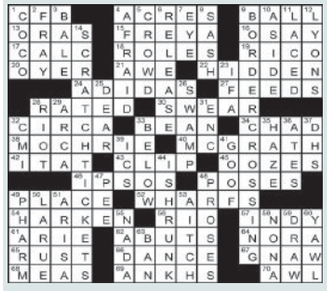
Across

1. Pre-game ritual, Coin __
5. Showbiz legend Ms. Channing
10. Excellent, slang-style
14. Purpose
15. Brightly-coloured lizard
16. Bathroom's door hook garment
17. Rock star's transport: 2 wds.
19. Earthen stewing pot
20. Like the empty wallet's money
21. Back then
22. Reuben requirements
23. Rock 'n' __
25. Prefix to 'matic'
27. The basics in early learning
30. 30th, sometimes, as per calendars [acronym]
32. "Understood."
35. Victoria's Secret item
36. Western city
39. __ lettuce
41. Place atop: 2 wds.
42. Comfort
43. Mark Burnett's realm as a producer: 2 wds.
45. Chip __
46. Prefix to 'ide' (Cavities fighter)
47. But, to Brutus
49. Actors Mr. Olin and Mr. Watanabe
50. Times
52. The Dalai __
54. Topic, for short
57. 'Verd' add-on (Jury's finding)
59. Gloria Swanson role, __ Desmond
62. Legal bargaining
63. Jacques Plante contribution to hockey: 2 wds.
66. Greenly admire
67. Aches
68. Region
69. Manners
70. Garbage
71. Off the dragon

Down

1. Recipe measurement, for short
2. Canoe implements
3. Jump rope
4. Cuts ties
5. Ranch sight
6. 'Pass' suffix
7. Aristocrat of India
8. __-3 fatty acids
9. CN Tower, English = __ __ _ _, French
10. Postpone, as Parliament
11. Hallowed
12. Willing's partner
13. Red Rose products
18. "I'd like to buy __ '_'." ...said the "Wheel of Fortune" contestant
24. Thurston Howell III's wife
26. Also
27. For short, for short
28. "The Pelican __" (1993)
29. Secretly conspiring group
31. Mr. Damon's
33. Duck
34. Amber, for example
37. Author's creation
38. Agents for performers, for short
40. Canada's only MLB team: 2 wds.
41. Bryan Adams song: "__ from the Heart"
44. 'Super' suffix
48. Pastry
49. Destinies
51. Cleanse thoroughly
53. Canadian singer/songwriter Mr. Berg
54. Let stuff fly
55. Common skeleton part
56. Bunch
58. Scarlett's home
60. Crumbly soil
61. On the briny
64. Some officers, for short
65. Steppenwolf lead singer, John __

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

1			3	8	7			6
					9	7		
	7	5	4			9		
8	6		1		3	5		7
4								2
5		7	2		4		3	8
		6			8	3	2	
		1	7					
2			5	1	6			9

Yesterday's Sudoku

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Rio4 SX with Navigation shown△

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CITY (M/T): 6.9L/100KM

WAS ~~$145~~ MONTHLY

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Optima SX Turbo shown△

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HWY (A/T): 5.6L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 8.6L/100KM

WAS ~~$23,983~~

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Sorento SX shown△

2013 SORENTO

ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

HWY (A/T): 6.5L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 9.8L/100KM

WAS ~~$30,978~~

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Sportage SX shown△

2013 SPORTAGE

HWY (A/T): 6.5L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 9.7L/100KM

WAS ~~$24,178~~

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